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ANNEXATION DEFEATED

BY A DECISIVE MAJORITY OF TWO HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR VOTES.

The Second Ward the Banner Ward of the Town—The Result in the First Ward a Surprise to the Annexationists—A Close Contest in the Third Ward.

Annexation to Newark was defeated Thursday by a majority of 274 votes. The annexationists lost three out of the five election districts in the town, and the two districts they won were carried by only slight majorities. The total vote was 1,913, of which 1,092 was against annexation and 818 in favor of annexation—a majority of 274 votes against annexation. Three ballots were rejected. The vote by election districts was as follows:

	In Maj. Maj.	For
1st Ward, 1st Dist.	226	139
1st Ward, 2d Dist.	161	156
2d Ward,	365	227
3d Ward, 1st Dist.	154	173
3d Ward, 2d Dist.	188	220

The contest was one of the most spirited that has been witnessed in this town in many years. The annexation forces were well organized, and an unlimited amount of means were at the command of the agents employed by the annexationists. It is estimated that the fight cost the annexationists several hundred dollars. It was a day of intense excitement throughout the town. With the exception of the Second Ward it was impossible to get any line on the way the vote was going. The early morning vote put the anti-annexationists in a jubilant mood, as it appeared that the vote was going their way, but later in the day it was evident that a steady stream of annexationists were depositing votes, and it was the turn of the annexationists to feel hopeful and boastful. Between five and seven o'clock in the evening a tremendous vote was polled, and when the polls closed the anti-annexationists felt gloomy and despondent. It was feared that the Third Ward majority for annexation would more than offset the large Second Ward majority against it. The annexationists were claiming the First District of the Third Ward by one hundred and fifty majority and the Second District by one hundred. The First Ward was also claimed by the annexationists by a large majority.

Many people were laboring under an immense strain when the counting of the votes began. The first hundred votes counted in the First District in the First Ward indicated an overwhelming majority for annexation. Reports became current that the Third Ward instead of going heavily for annexation was going to be close one way or the other. These reports were quickly followed by the great surprise of the campaign, which was that the annexationists had lost the First District of the First Ward by a large majority. When this news was confirmed the anti-annexationists simply went wild with enthusiasm. Victory was assured, for it was evident that the Third Ward could not possibly overcome the combined First and Second Ward majorities. The good news from the First Ward was followed by the announcement that the Watawassing District had been held down to 32 majority in favor of annexation, and that the First District of the same ward had been secured by the annexationists by only 18 majority, and that the Second District of the First Ward had given nine majority against annexation. The defeat of annexation in that portion of the town south of Belleville avenue was a crushing blow to the annexationists. They had conceded the Second Ward to the anti-annexationists by a good-sized majority, but contended that the First Ward would offset it. When the result from the Second Ward was proclaimed the anti-annexationists cheered lustily, and arrangements were at once begun for a proper celebration of the victory.

Approaching Wedding.

Miss Jessie L. Blies, daughter of Mrs. Julia E. Blies of Snowden place, Glen Ridge, will be married to James V. W. Westervelt, son of James R. Westervelt of East Orange on the evening of April 14 at the residence of the bride's mother. Only the immediate family of the contracting parties will be present, but a large number of invitations have been issued for the reception at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Theodore M. Nevins of Glen Ridge. The bride will be attended by her sister, Miss Jeanie E. Blies, and Samuel Frank Barager of East Orange will perform the duties of best man. Harry B. Westervelt of Waterbury, Conn.; Morris Sidney Westervelt of Brooklyn; George Francis Towne of Arlington and Edmund W. McDowell of New York city will be the ushers. Following the reception a wedding supper will be given to the attendants and a number of the bride's friends.

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Caught Stealing Wire.

After several unsuccessful attempts to catch the thieves who have been cutting wires belonging to the trolley and telephone companies, what is thought to have been an important arrest was made by Special Officer George Wettien of the Verona police early Tuesday morning, when he came across two men in the act of coiling up a lot of copper telephone wire which they had just cut from a pole on the Ridge road, Verona.

The officer immediately arrested the men and took them to the township jail, where they gave the names of Pasquale Babase of 46 Bay street, Montclair, and Angelo Ravelia of Glen Ridge avenue, Montclair.

The telephone company was immediately notified, and Henry Boutelle, district manager, went from Orange to the jail and made a complaint against the men before Justice Darlington of Montclair, who held the men in \$300 each to await the Grand Jury's action.

The men were taken to jail. The telephone company complimented Officer Wettien and Chief of Police Rogers for the arrest, and stated that they had lost hundreds of dollars' worth of wire, besides the expense of replacing it, at various times. While every effort has been made to capture the thieves, this is the first time that men have been actually caught in the act.

The men had a push cart to take the wire away, and had evidently just started to make a big haul when caught.

The Banner-Kronold Concert.

The library people were unfortunate in their selection of a date for their last concert. Interest in the annexation election and a dance in Glen Ridge prevented many people from attending.

The audience was nevertheless considerably larger than at the first concert. Concerning the music, we can only repeat what we have said before; it was admirable; the quartette played with the skill and finish for which they are noted. The solos of Messrs. Banner and Kronold were exquisite, and were thoroughly appreciated.

Miss Stockwell was most cordially received and was recalled after each of her numbers. Her winsome and unassuming manner put her at once on a friendly basis with the audience, and her singing, especially of "Roses after rain," and "You had better ask me," won for her the heartiest applause.

The Dvorak Quartette by Mr. Stephens and the string quartette was a great work and most artistically interpreted. During the playing the electric lights went out, but it seemed to make no difference to the musicians, who went right ahead without a pause until the break in the circuit was repaired. While the programme was rather lengthy the audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy it.

Arbor Day, April 22.

Governor Murphy has issued proclamation designating Friday, April 22, as Arbor Day in this State, in which he recommends that the teachers and pupils of the public and private schools and the people generally devote the day to the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers, and the holding of such exercises as will tend to stimulate the love for nature and broaden the knowledge of the value of trees, although it is not especially enjoined by statute. The Governor continues: "It is entirely appropriate that, with the study of trees, be coupled the lessons of value of our native birds and the importance of preserving them. I therefore further recommend that exercises relating to the birds as well as to the trees, be included in each programme.

A Hard Time of It.

A family living at Taylorsville, Pa., wanted to move to Titusville on April 1. The two towns are on the Delaware river, nearly opposite each other, but it will be recalled that during the freshet last October all the bridges across the river between Trenton and Phillipsburg were washed away. So this family had to drive five miles down the west bank of the river to Trenton, then cross over, then drive five miles up the east bank to Titusville to get to their new home in New Jersey. From which it appears that Senator Hutchinson's joint resolution has not yet come to fruition and that private corporations are in no hurry to build new bridges across the Delaware. This is a matter that the two States should, and probably will, take charge of sooner or later.

Hyde-Crane.

A pleasant home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic Crane, No. 11 Thornton street, Tuesday night when their second daughter, Evelyn Belle Crane, and Percy Hyde of East Orange were united in wedlock. The Rev. Frederic Taylor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Orange, officiated at the ceremony. Miss Caroline Crane, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and John Embleton of Brooklyn, N. Y., best man. The house was tastefully decorated with palms and other potted plants. A large number of relatives and friends of the bride and groom were present. The young couple received a number of handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs. Hyde have gone to California, where they will make their home.

CERTIORARI DENIED.

Chief Justice Gummere Refused to Grant a Writ Reviewing the Action of the Town Council—The Judge Did Not Pass Upon the Question of the Legality of the Election.

The application for a writ of certiorari to review the action of the Town Council in bonding the town for \$90,000 for the purchase of the Orange Water Company's plant was denied by Chief Justice Gummere in the Supreme Court Circuit Tuesday morning.

Edward M. Colle, on behalf of Richard J. Marx and other citizens, made the application last Saturday, supporting it with a long argument. He was opposed by Joseph Coulter, who, together with Town Council Charles H. Halfpenny, represented the town authorities and those in upholding the issue of the bonds. The decision leaves the authorities to act as they had first outlined, and they will go at once to complete the prospective purchase from the Orange Water Company.

The issue was authorized as the result of a special election last January, and Mr. Colle's contention was that this election had been illegally held and, therefore, the authorities lacked the authority to make the issue. He held that the amendment of 1901 to the election laws provided that in special elections no new registry list need be prepared, but it was stipulated that the registry list used at the last general election preceding such special election should be revised and the names added of persons who had become qualified to vote since the making out of the last general election registry list.

He held further that this revision was not followed at the special election under consideration, but that the election took place under the laws of 1899, the election officers using the old registry lists without revision.

The Chief Justice in denying the writ remarked that the Legislature, by an act, had provided that the question of purchasing a water supply for Bloomfield and other towns be submitted to the voters of the municipalities interested at a special election and that the method of holding such an election had been provided for.

"It is now charged," he added, "that the election officers did not comply with the requirements of the law in revising the registry lists, thus enabling persons to vote whose names were not on the registry list used at the last general election. There is no suggestion in this application that there had been any change in the status of any voters in the town from the time of making the registry list for the last general election until the holding of the special election. Assuming, as the affidavit accompanying the application for the writ stated, that they were sure those votes were refused because they were not put on a revised registry list, such persons had not made application for a writ of certiorari. The application was made by persons who took advantage of the special election, availed themselves of its privileges and voted against the bond issue. It did not appear that they had suffered by any neglect of the election officers to revise the registry list, since they had voted. No person, who had a right to vote under the construction of the law of 1901, and whose right had been violated by the neglect of the election officers to revise the registry list, had applied for a writ."

The Chief Justice added that the legality of the bond issue was not decided, and that in view of the standing of the Prosecutor the Court would not pass upon the law.

Unjustly Blamed.

The First Ward annexationists feel vexed over the way that they were misled by the Republican leader of the ward, Walter M. Hopler. They allege that Mr. Hopler assured them repeatedly that annexation would carry by a large majority, and he was so confident in his predictions that the annexationists took it for granted that the fight was won.

It is unfair to blame Mr. Hopler, as the Republican leader, for the loss of the First Ward. The fight on Thursday went beyond party lines. If it had been simply a party Mr. Hopler would have undoubtedly whipped his party voters into line.

Church Anniversary.

The tenth anniversary of the present Christ Episcopal Church edifice was observed Easter Sunday. The church was so crowded at the eleven o'clock service that chairs had to be placed in the aisles. Bishop Lines, who preached the Easter sermon, spoke in highly complimentary terms of the Bloomfield Church and its rector, Rev. E. A. White.

The floral display was very handsome, and the music was of an exceedingly fine character. A string orchestra was directed by J. Appleton Wade. There was a chorus of forty voices. At 4:30 o'clock there was a children's service.

Mrs. Gustavson, recently of New York city, solicited donations. Children's work a specialty. 111 Harrison Street, Bloomfield, N. J.—Adv.

THE RECENT CONFLICT.

Some Lessons in Evolution of Conduct—Comparative Weight and Importance of Influence.

The late campaign for and against the annexation of Bloomfield to Newark has been pre-eminently, from start to finish, a campaign of education, especially by means of circulars, sent through the mails and otherwise distributed. These circulars have been read, and doubtless they have proved useful in giving all needed information to the voters.

Two of the circulars were especially effective and influential in their way from the fact that they were backed up by the signatures of citizens who stood ready to thus endorse the appeals made. The names of these Bloomfielders who thus appeared as leaders in this short, sharp and decisive struggle for and against continued home rule for Bloomfield are worthy of mention as follows:

FOR THE RULE OF BLOOMFIELD, BY BLOOMFIELD AND FOR BLOOMFIELD.
J. M. Mann, F. M. Hinkin,
W. W. Wyman, H. G. Disbrow,
W. S. Rowland, W. W. Brock,
Samuel Ellor, James C. Crisp, Jr.
Wm. Biggart, W. P. Supthen,
Wm. Broughton, L. H. Crowell,
J. J. Thompson, Rev. C. S. Woodruff,
Edwin F. Adams, E. T. Cadmus,
C. R. Underwood, M. McRordan.

FOR THE ANNEXATION OF BLOOMFIELD TO NEWARK.

Amzi Dodd, Thomas Oakes,
James C. Beach, G. Lee Stott,
John A. Lawrence, D. G. Garbrandt,
Henry P. Dodd, Theodore H. Ward,
Harry E. Richards, James H. Moore,
Halsey M. Barrett, Wm. A. Baldwin,
Hubert J. Ashley, Geo. E. Bedell,
A. H. Edgerley, Thomas Cadmus.

Each of the circulars signed as above, were addressed "To the Legal voters of Bloomfield." That of the advocates of annexation carried weight and influence chiefly by reason of the financial importance of some of those whose names were attached to it. The circular of the opponents of annexation carried no remarkable weight of that character, but appealed to the common sense as well as to the moral sense and patriotism of the intelligent citizens. More than anything else, probably, these "huge rulers" clarified thinking, condensed opinion, and decided the issue. Doubtless the circulars printed and distributed did the voters a good service.

On the eve of election, too late for mailing, a card was distributed by hand—the trump card of the annexationists, purporting to inform each individual taxpayer what his tax in Bloomfield was and what it would be in Newark. It also in bold type proclaimed the inducement of "free garbage collection." The card was not signed by any eminent citizen but it passes into history as Mr. Gilbert's masterpiece of local politics, and surely that gentleman should have due credit for work that gave the other annexationists leaders and workers their crumb of comfort—a majority of fifty against home rule in the Third Ward; while a government of, for and by the people of Bloomfield was carried by a majority that should be sufficient to put a quietus upon annexation disturbances and leave the old town in better shape politically than it has been for some years.

If now Bloomfield has to forego the fleshpots of Newark, and paddle her own canoe a while longer, even with a high tax rate, her citizens may realize the satisfaction of having demonstrated the truth that internal peace, harmony, good will and the good government so much to be desired, cannot be evolved except along philosophical, orderly, coherent lines.

It may now be concluded, and all good citizens should agree, that we are outside of Newark because, in the natural order of evolution, we still belong outside of that city. We all know now "where we are," and will be wiser if we study a little the rudiments of government in the "primary class."

From the protoplasm stage up to the kingdom of man—the inscrutable principle of evolution and that of the day belong to the domain of the "knowable," progress has ever been made upward and forward. For the further enlightened study of this thought a couple of quotations from Mr. Spencer's Data of Ethics, chapter 2, may here in conclusion be made:

"Conduct which requires race-maintenance evolves hand-and-hand with the conduct which furthers self-maintenance. . . . In tracing the evolution of conduct so that we may frame a true conception of true conduct in general, we have thus to recognize there are two kinds as mutually dependent. . . . and the highest evolutions of the two must be reached simultaneously."

"Conduct gains ethical sanction in proportion as the activities, becoming less and less militant, and more and more industrial, are such as do not necessitate mutual injury or hindrance, but consist and are furthered by co-operation and mutual aid."

Will Visit Europe.

The Rev. Joseph M. Nardiello of the Church of the Sacred Heart will sail from Boston to-day for Europe. He will go directly to Genoa, Italy, and from thence to Rome. He will be absent several weeks.

Candidates for Office.

The candidates nominated and to be voted for next Tuesday are as follows:

General town nominations for Council-at-Large, George Fisher, Republican; Peter J. Quinn, Independent and Citizens' nominee; for Justices, George Cadmus, Thomas E. Hayes and Walter M. Hopler, Republicans nominees; Frederick N. Moffat, Citizens' Independent nominee.

First Ward Republican nominations are as follows: Ward Councilman, Percy H. Johnson; member of the Board of Education, Frank B. Stone; Constables, Antonio Federici, William H. Groshong, Benjamin F. Baldwin; Citizens' ticket: For Councilman, Charles J. Murray; member of the Board of Education, Charles L. Seibert; Constable, Emil G. Schill.

The Second Ward Republican nominations are as follows: Ward Councilman, William B. Hepburn; member of the Board of Education, Harry White; Constables, August Frederic, James A. Campbell and Charles F. Hummel; Citizens' ticket nominees: For Ward Councilman, Charles J. Murray; For Constable, Warren E. Stickle; For Constable, Frank N. Uangast.

Erie Terminal Plaza.

Curtailment in the expense of the improvements planned last year for the Erie Railroad has been practically determined upon by the company. The most important changes will be made in connection with the Jersey City terminals known as the Fenhorn Improvement.

The plans completed just before Daniel Willard retired as First Vice-President of the system, and which it was then expected would be approved by the Erie Directors and immediately carried into effect, have been laid aside. Under the direction of J. M. Graham, who came to the Erie as Fourth Vice-President, from the Baltimore and Ohio, where he had directed a reconstruction of that system, the entire outline of the improvements is being revised with the result that the open cut through the Bergen Hill will probably be abandoned. In its place a series of tunnels will probably be substituted. In this way the congestion at the Jersey City terminals and in the single tunnel through which all the Erie traffic now moves can be just as effectively relieved, and such a plan can be carried out at far less cost than that entailed by the open cut and steel viaduct.

The original Fenhorn Improvement would have cost about \$5,000,000. This included not only the open cut, but the extension of yard facilities and the construction of a new passenger terminal.

Modifications of the general improvements along the system are also being made with the purpose of obtaining the necessary improvements at a less cost. The total estimated cost of the improvements planned last year was \$32,000,000.

It is not expected that the new plan will be completed before summer, and until they are submitted to the Directors the exact amount which the company will save by their adoption will not be announced.

For Municipal Ownership.

The chief interest in the municipal election in Chicago on Tuesday centered in the vote on proposed municipal ownership of the street railways. In this connection, what is known as the "Illinois law," passed by the last Illinois Legislature, was submitted to the people. The law authorizes cities in Illinois to construct, own, operate and lease street railways, and to provide the means thereof.

On this proposition the vote stood 152,434 for this proposition and 30,104 against; on the proposition that the city should at once take over the street railways into its control, the vote stood 120,744 for and 50,893 against. For the temporary licensing of street railways until such time as the city is prepared to take them over, the vote was 120,181 for and 48,056 against.

Thanks to the Tribune.

The New York Tribune proved a valuable aid to the anti-annex